

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 87 new fires reported yesterday. Three new large fires were reported and contained in the Southern Area.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Oltrogge, Anderson and Ferguson) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill, Palestine and Nacogdoches, Texas. One Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Hildreth) is assigned in Longview, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SIZEMORE CREEK FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in hardwoods, grass and logging slash eleven miles south of Tahlequa, OK. The fire burned less actively yesterday, with four to five foot flame lengths observed in the hottest areas. Completion of control lines and burn out operations are planned for today. Favorable weather is expected in the fire area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SIZEMORE CREEK FIRE	OK	NEU	365	95	3/19	11	0	3	0	0	NR
BUFFALO MOUNTAIN	OK	OKS	1,100	100	---	8	0	5	0	0	NR
BLUE	OK	OKS	500	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	NR
LOTAROCK	OK	OKS	160	100	---	7	0	2	1	0	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

The Southern Area can expect drier weather from Texas to the lower Mississippi Valley. Wet, windy weather is expected in the eastern half of the Area as strong southerly flow continues to bring moist, unstable air northward ahead of a weak cold front in the South. Oklahoma will see showers and strong northerly winds to 20 mph. Yesterday's cold frontal boundary will move eastward over the southeast and continue to weaken, but will still be strong enough to kick off afternoon thunderstorms. Heavy rain fall along with flash flooding is still expected across the Atlantic coastal states for late Wednesday and into Thursday. Wind advisories for southerly winds at 20 to 30 mph and gusts to 40 mph are in effect for the Appalachian Mountains.

Weather for the Columbia recovery area will be partly cloudy and drier, with high temperatures near 80 degrees and southerly winds to 15 mph.



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ESCAPE ROUTES

An escape route is a preplanned and understood route to reach a safety zone.

- What are the primary concerns in choosing an escape route?
 - Select the closest, least obstructed route.
 - Plan for more than one escape route.
 - Avoid an uphill escape.
 - Scout and clearly mark the route for visibility (aids during smoky situations or night operational periods).

- - Determine escape time--consider slowest person, fatigue, and temperature factors.
 - Continuously reassess the situation with regard to work progress and additional resource arrivals.
 - Assure all line personnel are familiar with escape routes.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					4		4
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					22	22	44
Southern Area	FIRES					75	2	77
	ACRES					1,012	9	1,021
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	437	307	3	87
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	1,083	31	1,069

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				437	223		660
	ACRES				1	45		46
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				3	45	6	54
	ACRES				2,165	10	2	2,177
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			169	38	212
	ACRES	0	1			20	12	33
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	8	8	1		58	31	106
	ACRES	25	1,318	200		356	31	1,930
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	3		1	6	3	17
	ACRES	9	0		200	121	15	345
Eastern Area	FIRES	4			3	161	41	209
	ACRES	12			2	2,052	595	2,661
Southern Area	FIRES	56		5	3	4,871	132	5,067
	ACRES	6,881		755	530	50,960	3,082	62,208
TOTAL	FIRES	74	17	6	447	5,535	251	6,330
	ACRES	6,927	1,319	955	2,898	53,593	3,737	69,429
Eight Year Average Fires								11,487
Eight Year Average Acres								224,917

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in March

and

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			4			7	11
	ACRES			1,500			1,329	2,829
Southern Area	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					1,793	424	2,217
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	4	0	2	8	14
	ACRES	0	0	1,500	0	1,793	1,753	5,046

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	58	2			43	106
	ACRES	4	3,356	725			1,246	5,331
Northern California	FIRES	1	7	3	6		36	53
	ACRES	31	101	5,147	495		2,936	8,710
Southern California	FIRES		1		1		54	56
	ACRES		5		2		5,433	5,440
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			4		6
	ACRES		4			121		125
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	2	1	1		149	156
	ACRES	460	197	550	1,000		4,871	7,078
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	2	4	5	2	14	31
	ACRES	145	110	125	349	39	566	1,334
Eastern Area	FIRES			5	2	2	53	62
	ACRES			1,520	258	1,200	6,488	9,466
Southern Area	FIRES	27		135	19	5,579	658	6,418
	ACRES	5,122		45,188	32,151	340,890	518,400	941,751
TOTAL	FIRES	38	73	150	34	5,587	1,009	6,891
	ACRES	5,762	3,786	53,255	34,255	342,250	540,058	979,366

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California									21	296
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									7	77
Southwest									6	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			10		1				70	
Southern Area	124	42		15		1			473	1475
Total	124	42	10	15	1	1	0	0	577	1848

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